SANTA BARBARA COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION

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REGULAR MEETING
June 11, 2026 – 2:00 p.m.

MINUTES

The Santa Barbara County Board of Education held this meeting on Thursday, June 11, 2026 at the SBCEO North County Office, 402 Farnel Road, Santa Maria, CA.

UNAPPROVED

GENERAL FUNCTIONS

1. Call to Order

The regular meeting of the County Board of Education was called to order at 2:00 p.m. by Board President Nadra Ehrman.

2. Spanish Interpretation/Interpretación

The president announced that Spanish interpretation of the board meeting was available online via Zoom.

3. Pledge of Allegiance

The board recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

4. Roll Call

Board Members Present

Vedamarie Alvarez Flores
Katya Armistead
Marybeth Carty
Nadra Ehrman
Judith Frost
Sarah Anne Read
Guy Walker

Staff Members Present

Susan Salcido, superintendent
Craig Price, legal counsel (via Zoom)
Anna Freedland, executive assistant

Bridget Baublits	Don Lockwood	Steve Torres
Kirsten Escobedo	Mari Minjarez	Rene Wheeler
Nicole Evenson	Andreo Palacol	Amy Willis
Isabel Guerrero	Elise Simmons	

Others Present

Meg Rydman, superintendent, Olive Grove Charter Schools
Hugo Santos-Gomez, interpreter (via Zoom)
Regina Santos-Moreno, interpreter (via Zoom)

5. Changes to the Agenda

The president announced a change to the agenda: Item 20 – Olive Grove Charter School – Santa Barbara Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) was removed from the agenda since further revisions may be needed to the MOU.

6. President and Board Comments

The president and board members commented on various topics, including:

- The end of the school year, including graduations and celebrations.
- The tragedy of the recent car accident in Santa Maria that took the lives of 5 local high school students and critically injured an adult.
- Board Member Read shared that one of her children just graduated from high school. She also stated that she would be absent from the June 18, 2026 board meeting.
- Board Member Carty shared that she attended the SBCEO Education Celebration. She reported that graduating seniors at Carpinteria High School were awarded around $2 million in scholarships.
- Board Member Alvarez Flores shared about the recent Santa Maria Elks Parade, in which many schools participated.
- Board President Ehrman congratulated the superintendent on her re-election. She shared that she attended the SBCEO Education Celebration. She also reminded the board about the Santa Barbara County School Boards Association's monthly Zoom meetings, which they were welcome to attend.

7. Public Comments

None.

PRESENTATIONS

8. Presentation on Olive Grove Charter School – Santa Barbara

The president introduced Meg Rydman, superintendent of Olive Grove Charter Schools, who provided an overview presentation to the board about Olive Grove Charter School – Santa Barbara's program.

9. Presentation on the Santa Barbara County Education Office 2026-27 Local Control and Accountability Plan (LCAP)

Associate Superintendent of Student and Community Services Bridget Baublits, Director of Student and Community Services Elise Simmons, Director of Juvenile Court and Community Schools Rene Wheeler, and Director of Transitional Youth Services Amy Willis provided a presentation to the board on the Santa Barbara County Education Office 2026-27 Local Control and Accountability Plan (LCAP).

PUBLIC HEARING

10. Public Hearing on the Santa Barbara County Education Office 2026-27 Local Control and Accountability Plan (LCAP)

A public hearing was held at 3:08 p.m. prior to the adoption of the 2026-27 Local Control and Accountability Plan (LCAP) as required by Education Code. There were no comments from the public. The public hearing was closed at 3:09 p.m.

PRESENTATION

11. Presentation on 2026-27 County School Service Fund Budget

Associate Superintendent of Administrative Services Steve Torres provided a presentation to the board on the 2026-27 County School Service Fund Budget.

PUBLIC HEARING

12. Public Hearing on the 2026-27 County School Service Fund Budget

A public hearing was held at 3:37 p.m. prior to the adoption of the new County School Service Fund Budget as required by Education Code. There were no comments from the public. The public hearing was closed at 3:38 p.m.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

13. Superintendent's Report

The superintendent's report was presented as an information item. The superintendent shared the following additional information:

- Dr. Salcido thanked the SBCEO team for their work on the SBCEO LCAP and budget.
- The superintendent thanked the board for acknowledging the end of the school year celebrations as well as the tragic car accident involving local high school students. Dr. Salcido stated that four of the students were former SBCEO JCCS students. She thanked the JCCS staff for quickly providing support to students and staff in the aftermath of the accident.
- I Madonnari Festival – The superintendent showed a slide of the SBCEO-sponsored chalk art square at the recent I Madonnari Festival, which the board and cabinet members contributed to.
- Departure of SBCEO staff member – Dr. Salcido shared about Associate Superintendent Mari Minjarez's upcoming departure from SBCEO after 20 years.
- Grand Jury reports – Dr. Salcido shared that she received two Grand Jury reports so far, which she shared with the board via email, and that she anticipated receiving two more. She stated that since the county board of education was an entity that must respond to the two reports, that she would work with Board President Ehrman to respond and would keep the full board informed.
- Interdistrict attendance appeal requests – The superintendent reported that SBCEO had received three interdistrict attendance appeal requests, also known as IDT appeals. She asked the board about dates to hear the appeals and the board agreed to hear them on July 9, in lieu of the board retreat, at 10 a.m. in Santa Maria. Dr. Salcido said any other board business would be held until the August board meeting unless absolutely necessary.

CONSENT AGENDA

The board approved all consent agenda items:

14. Minutes of Meeting Held May 14, 2026

15. Registration of Credentials and Other Certification Documents: Issuance of Temporary County Certificates

Registration of credentials and other certification documents registered in the Santa Barbara County Education Office from April 7, 2026 to May 6, 2026, and the issuance of temporary county certificates for that same time period.

16. Acceptance of Donations

Acceptance of donations for the following department:

- Superintendent's Office

17. Declaration of Surplus

Declaration of surplus for the following departments:

- Curriculum and Instruction
- Early Care and Education
- Information Technology Services

Motion to approve all consent items:

MOVED: **Mrs. Frost** SECONDED: **Dr. Armistead** VOTE: **Passed 6-0-0-1**
Mrs. Read abstained

ACTION ITEMS

18. Recommended Approval of 2025-26 School Plan for Student Achievement – Juvenile Court and Community Schools

The board approved the 2025-26 School Plan for Student Achievement (SPSA) for each Juvenile Court and Community School. These annual plans are developed and reviewed by the JCCS School Site Council (SSC) and are designed to align and consolidate all school-level planning efforts for programs funded through the Consolidated Application (ConApp).

MOVED: **Mr. Walker** SECONDED: **Mrs. Read** VOTE: **Passed 7-0**

19. Recommended Approval of 2026-27 Consolidated Application for Funding

The board approved the submission to the California Department of Education (CDE) for 2026-27 funding under the Consolidated Categorical Programs.

MOVED: **Mr. Walker** SECONDED: **Mrs. Alvarez Flores** VOTE: **Passed 7-0**

20. Recommended Approval of Olive Grove Charter School – Santa Barbara Memorandum of Understanding

This item was removed from the agenda to be considered at a later date.

21. Recommended Approval of the 2024-25 Forest Reserve Fund Apportionment

The board approved the 2024-25 apportionment from the United States Forest Reserve Fund for school districts and the County Education Office adjacent to or lying within the United States Forest Reserve (Los Padres National Forest).

MOVED: **Mrs. Carty** SECONDED: **Mr. Walker** VOTE: **Passed 7-0**

22. Recommended Approval of the 2023-24 Forest Reserve Fund Apportionment (Sequestration)

The board approved the 2023-24 sequestration apportionment from the United States Forest Reserve Fund for school districts and the County Education Office adjacent to or lying within the United States Forest Reserve (Los Padres National Forest).

MOVED: **Mrs. Read** SECONDED: **Mrs. Carty** VOTE: **Passed 7-0**

23. Recommended Approval of the Use of 2026-27 Proposition 30 Education Protection Account (EPA) Revenues

The board approved the 2026-27 Proposition 30 Education Protection Account (EPA) Revenues to be used for existing Dos Puertas Juvenile Court School certificated salaries and benefits.

MOVED: **Mr. Walker** SECONDED: **Dr. Armistead** VOTE: **Passed 7-0**

24. Recommended Approval of the 2025-26 Proposition 28 Arts and Music in Schools Funding Annual Report

The board approved the 2025-26 Proposition 28 Arts and Music in Schools Funding Annual Report. This annual report is required to be reviewed and approved by the governing board, pursuant to Education Code section 8820(g)(4).

MOVED: **Mrs. Alvarez Flores** SECONDED: **Mrs. Read** VOTE: **Passed 7-0**

25. Recommended Approval of Request for Allowance of Attendance Due of Emergency Conditions – Juvenile Court and Community Schools

The board approved the Request for Allowance of Attendance Due to Emergency Conditions (Form J-13A) to be submitted to the California Department of Education for the closure of classes at the following school:

SBCEO Juvenile Court and Community Schools:

- Dos Puertas School May 5–7, 2026

MOVED: **Mrs. Carty** SECONDED: **Mrs. Frost** VOTE: **Passed 7-0**

26. Recommended Approval to Renew Leases

The board approved the renewal of the leases for the facilities located on Farnel Road and Main Street in Santa Maria. The Farnel Road building will continue to house both SBCEO administrative offices and the Peter B. FitzGerald Community School for another year. The lease will be paid proportionately by the departments based on the space they occupy. The lease will be revisited next year to determine the space needed at that location after the Airpark property is occupied. The Main Street building will continue to serve as a regional office for the Early Care and Education (ECE) department. The lease will be renewed for another three-year term and will be paid by the ECE program. SBCEO will proceed with negotiation and preparation of the lease agreements.

MOVED: **Dr. Armistead** SECONDED: **Mrs. Alvarez Flores** VOTE: **Passed 7-0**

27. Recommended Adoption of Order of Election and Notice to Consolidate for November 2026 Trustee Elections

The board adopted Resolution No. 2610 ordering the governing board member election on November 3, 2026.

Ayes: 7 **Noes: 0** **Absent: 0** **Abstain: 0**
MOVED: **Mrs. Carty** SECONDED: **Mrs. Read** VOTE: **Passed 7-0-0-0**

28. Recommended Adoption of Resolution Covering Conditions Set Forth for Candidates' Statements

The board adopted Resolution No. 2611 covering the conditions set forth for candidates' statements.

Ayes: 7 **Noes: 0** **Absent: 0** **Abstain: 0**
MOVED: **Mrs. Carty** SECONDED: **Mrs. Frost** VOTE: **Passed 7-0-0-0**

INFORMATION ITEMS

29. Personnel Report

The certificated and classified personnel reports were presented as an information item.

30. Correspondence

May 8, 2026 correspondence from the California Department of Education confirming acceptance of the Santa Barbara County Education Office 2025-26 Second Interim Report was presented as an information item.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

31. Future agenda items

The president mentioned the future agenda items that were listed on the agenda as an information item:

- Presentation by the Lompoc Teen Center program manager regarding their teen leadership advocacy council and their advocacy trips
- Presentation by FUTURE For Lompoc Youth
- Information on Olive Crest Hope Refuge
- Discussion on AB 1390 regarding board member compensation

The following were mentioned as future agenda items:

- Reschedule the board retreat
- Upcoming conferences for county boards of education

ADJOURNMENT

32. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 4:23 p.m. to the next regular meeting to be held Thursday, June 18, 2026 as a dual location meeting, in Santa Barbara and Santa Maria, at 10:00 a.m.

MOVED: **Mr. Walker** SECONDED: **Mrs. Read** VOTE: **Passed 7-0**

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Nadra Ehrman, President
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Dr. Susan Salcido, Secretary
County Board of Education